MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD MSA'S

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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri total employment continued to climb in July, and the unemployment rate edged down four-tenths of a point to 6.3 percent.

The estimate of state total employment increased by 5800 to 2,338,500, despite the usual seasonal tendency to decrease slightly in July. Nonfarm payroll employment did follow the usual seasonal movements, declining over the month by 19,300 jobs, most of which occurred in state and local government with the closing of schools and colleges for the summer. There was also a decrease in durable goods manufacturing, primarily in motor vehicles and equipment manufacturing as some auto plants experienced model changeover layoffs. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment was estimated to have been 2,032,500 in July, with 429,200 jobs in manufacturing and 1,603,300 in non manufacturing.

The number of unemployed Missourians decreased by 8500 from June's level, falling to 158,500. A slight decrease in unemployment is normal after the initial runup in June, but this July's drop is somewhat larger than usual.

Compared to a year ago, total employment has shown unusually rapid growth, with the total having climbed by 113,800. Much of this growth has occurred in 1985, as the estimates have climbed steadily since the seasonal low point in January. Of course, seasonal trends alone usually involve considerable growth during this part of the year, but in every month the total employment estimates have increased by more than the expected seasonal amount.

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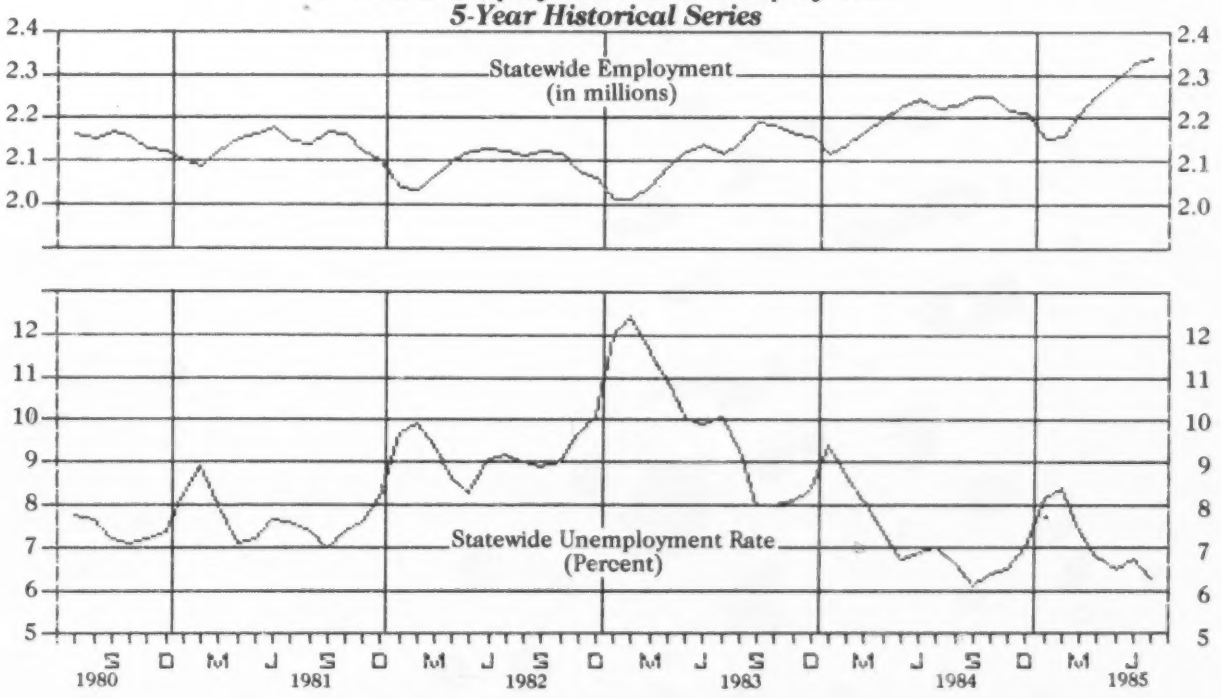

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - JUL 1985 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - JUN 1985 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - JUL 1984 (BENCHMARKED 1984)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2496993	2338464	158529	6.3	2499709	2332669	167040	6.7	2392386	2224667	167719	7.0
ST. LOUIS MSA	1218271	1128477	89794	7.4	1221766	1119367	102399	8.4	1178055	1085611	92444	7.8
KANSAS CITY MSA	776952	742225	34727	4.5	773239	737379	35860	4.6	740797	701453	39344	5.3
SPRINGFIELD MSA	119743	114179	5564	4.6	119247	112802	6445	5.4	117536	111591	5945	5.1
COLUMBIA MSA	60847	58541	2306	3.8	60748	58160	2588	4.3	57547	55110	2437	4.2
JOPLIN MSA	62164	58239	3925	6.3	62125	58170	3955	6.4	58242	54054	4188	7.2
ST. JOSEPH MSA	42924	39955	2969	6.9	42437	39489	2948	6.9	42994	39672	3322	7.7
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	15666	14738	928	5.9	16058	15277	781	4.9	15919	14835	1084	6.8
ANDREW	6465	6192	273	4.2	6541	6250	291	4.4	6320	5896	424	6.7
ATCHISON	4072	3871	201	4.9	4234	4030	204	4.8	4413	4056	357	8.1
AUDRAIN	11119	10173	946	8.5	11338	10333	1005	8.9	11063	10403	660	6.0
BARRY	12481	11833	648	5.2	12427	11735	692	5.6	11523	10886	637	5.5
BARTON	5630	4880	750	13.3	5297	5120	177	3.3	5261	5063	198	3.8
BATES	7899	7455	444	5.6	8059	7594	465	5.8	7637	7175	462	6.0
BENTON	5958	5575	383	6.4	6099	5751	348	5.7	5461	5101	360	6.6
BOLLINGER	3150	2623	527	16.7	3351	2794	557	16.6	3153	2578	575	18.2
BUTLER	16619	15145	1474	8.9	17045	15601	1444	8.5	16400	14710	1690	10.3
CALDWELL	3655	3475	180	4.9	3803	3609	194	5.1	3607	3408	199	5.5
CALLAWAY	18833	17616	1217	6.5	18792	17556	1236	6.6	18976	17597	1379	7.3
CAMDEN	17493	16766	727	4.2	16420	15706	714	4.3	14335	13704	631	4.4
CAPE GIRARDEAU	32773	30903	1870	5.7	33266	31626	1640	4.9	30465	28435	2030	6.7
CARROLL	4920	4578	342	7.0	4728	4432	296	6.3	4639	4348	291	6.3
CARTER	2759	2361	398	14.4	3127	2880	247	7.9	2820	2575	245	8.7
CEDAR	4651	4256	395	8.5	4725	4383	342	7.2	4553	4143	410	9.0
CHARITON	5317	4924	393	7.4	5206	4933	273	5.2	5144	4774	370	7.2
CLARK	3315	3063	252	7.6	3426	3143	283	8.3	3285	2980	305	9.3
CLINTON	7812	7421	391	5.0	7896	7470	426	5.4	7471	7092	379	5.1
COLE/OSAGE LMA	39175	37023	2152	5.5	39652	37342	2310	5.8	36495	34132	2363	6.5
COOPER	7068	6590	478	6.8	7156	6685	471	6.6	6948	6377	571	8.2
CRAWFORD	8059	7483	575	7.1	8288	7576	712	8.6	7664	7011	653	8.5
DADE	4017	3744	273	6.8	3991	3813	178	4.5	3860	3713	147	3.8
DALLAS	5357	4902	455	8.5	5161	4730	431	8.4	4727	4265	462	9.8
DAVIESS	3336	3172	164	4.9	3292	3135	157	4.8	3227	3019	208	6.4
DEKALB	3832	3631	201	5.2	3835	3635	200	5.2	3347	3141	206	6.2
DENT	6470	5971	499	7.7	6535	6045	490	7.5	5916	5276	640	10.8
DOUGLAS	4984	4252	732	14.7	4944	4363	581	11.8	4679	4245	434	9.3
DUNKLIN	13034	11498	1536	11.8	13355	11909	1446	10.8	13326	11820	1506	11.3
GASCONADE	7340	6934	406	5.5	7171	6742	429	6.0	7349	6808	541	7.4
GENTRY	4558	4430	128	2.8	4189	4044	145	3.5	3919	3765	154	3.9
GRUNDY	5234	4875	359	6.9	5422	5085	337	6.2	5098	4803	295	5.8
HARRISON	5488	5269	219	4.0	5470	5255	215	3.9	5143	4880	263	5.1
HENRY	9913	9192	721	7.3	10170	9492	678	6.7	9535	8944	591	6.2
HICKORY	2871	2715	156	5.4	2857	2682	175	6.1	2466	2300	166	6.7
HOLT	3645	3534	111	3.0	3447	3309	138	4.0	3530	3342	188	5.3
HOWARD	4885	4577	308	6.3	4916	4611	305	6.2	4564	4269	295	6.5
HOWELL	13905	12629	1276	9.2	13802	12553	1249	9.0	13376	11554	1822	13.6
IRON	3783	3231	552	14.6	4025	3384	641	15.9	4386	3768	618	14.1
JOHNSON	15808	15051	757	4.8	16476	15811	665	4.0	14843	14062	781	5.3
KNOX	2506	2324	182	7.3	2475	2305	170	6.9	2507	2271	236	9.4
LACLEDE	12252	10559	1693	13.8	12507	11364	1143	9.1	11451	9657	1794	15.7
LAWRENCE	12817	12070	747	5.8	12823	11985	838	6.5	12229	11356	873	7.1

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	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
LEWIS	5900	5392	508	8.6	5994	5539	455	7.6	5478	4937	541	9.9
LINCOLN	10977	10148	829	7.6	11426	10424	1002	8.8	10228	9556	672	6.6
LINN	7954	7420	534	6.7	8031	7563	468	5.8	7691	7120	571	7.4
LIVINGSTON	6911	6552	359	5.2	6910	6540	370	5.4	6650	6154	496	7.5
MACON	7489	6713	776	10.4	7594	7121	473	6.2	6927	6227	700	10.1
MADISON	3719	3323	396	10.6	3931	3473	458	11.7	3664	3249	415	11.3
MARIES	3016	2746	270	9.0	3104	2845	259	8.3	2711	2446	265	9.8
MARION/RALLS LMA	19681	18332	1349	6.9	19154	17913	1241	6.5	18461	17087	1374	7.4
MCDONALD	5831	5407	424	7.3	5922	5486	436	7.4	5751	5267	484	8.4
MERCER	1759	1684	75	4.3	1802	1738	64	3.6	1840	1776	64	3.5
MILLER	11532	10808	724	6.3	11941	11143	798	6.7	10704	9969	735	6.9
MISSISSIPPI	6858	6169	689	10.0	7172	6352	820	11.4	6439	5617	822	12.8
MONITEAU	4902	4480	422	8.6	4929	4515	414	8.4	4834	4393	441	9.1
MONROE	4997	4740	257	5.1	4967	4730	237	4.8	5055	4799	256	5.1
MONTGOMERY	5220	4812	408	7.8	5412	5020	392	7.2	5183	4888	295	5.7
MORGAN	6336	5791	545	8.6	6312	5886	426	6.7	6184	5765	419	6.8
NEW MADRID	11646	10587	1059	9.1	11914	10754	1160	9.7	11700	10700	1000	8.5
NODAWAY	10724	10338	386	3.6	10636	10220	416	3.9	10190	9830	360	3.5
OREGON	3009	2614	395	13.1	3068	2645	423	13.8	2992	2510	482	16.1
OZARK	4777	4507	270	5.7	4657	4401	256	5.5	4477	4117	360	8.0
PEMISCOT	8536	7540	996	11.7	8827	7834	993	11.2	8223	7153	1070	13.0
PERRY	7724	7175	549	7.1	7518	7082	436	5.8	7284	6636	648	8.9
PETTIS	17981	16240	1741	9.7	17742	16274	1468	8.3	16501	14888	1613	9.8
PHELPS	15626	14722	904	5.8	15560	14575	985	6.3	14553	13593	960	6.6
PIKE	6952	6331	621	8.9	7375	6612	763	10.3	6978	6321	657	9.4
POLK	9058	8287	771	8.5	9219	8285	934	10.1	8265	7714	551	6.7
PULASKI	9442	8620	822	8.7	9510	8906	604	6.4	8857	8075	782	8.8
PUTNAM	2998	2831	167	5.6	3022	2892	130	4.3	2990	2812	178	6.0
RANDOLPH	12475	11605	870	7.0	12248	11563	685	5.6	11517	10664	853	7.4
REYNOLDS	2214	1846	368	16.6	2339	1962	377	16.1	2351	2018	333	14.2
RIPLEY	3293	2903	390	11.8	3498	3133	365	10.4	2999	2642	357	11.9
SALINE	15056	14255	801	5.3	14778	14132	646	4.4	13761	12733	1028	7.5
SCOTLAND	2475	2388	87	3.5	2558	2444	114	4.5	2343	2248	95	4.1
SCOTT	17808	16120	1688	9.5	18052	16478	1574	8.7	17067	15424	1643	9.6
SHANNON	3008	2558	450	15.0	2986	2518	468	15.7	3120	2673	447	14.3
SHELBY	3510	3351	159	4.5	3421	3273	148	4.3	3347	3164	183	5.5
ST. CLAIR	3891	3701	190	4.9	4049	3835	214	5.3	3776	3568	208	5.5
ST. FRANCOIS	19645	17714	1931	9.8	20401	18515	1886	9.2	20016	17882	2134	10.7
STE. GENEVIEVE	6459	5971	488	7.6	6523	6057	466	7.1	5881	5221	660	11.2
STODDARD	13052	11953	1099	8.4	13538	12482	1056	7.8	12059	10779	1280	10.6
STONE	10172	9424	748	7.4	9992	9292	700	7.0	9219	8603	616	6.7
SULLIVAN	3469	3204	265	7.6	3522	3291	231	6.6	3563	3360	203	5.7
TANEY	20551	19778	773	3.8	18556	17734	822	4.4	16948	16172	776	4.6
TEXAS	7650	6515	1135	14.8	8392	7166	1226	14.6	7556	6424	1132	15.0
VERNON	9983	9546	437	4.4	10002	9608	394	3.9	9249	8829	420	4.5
WARREN	7148	6757	391	5.5	7445	6938	507	6.8	6178	5766	412	6.7
WASHINGTON	4439	3584	855	19.3	4803	3789	1014	21.1	4591	3737	854	18.6
WAYNE	4818	4309	509	10.6	5037	4478	559	11.1	4227	3701	526	12.4
WEBSTER	8351	7477	874	10.5	8822	8103	719	8.2	7618	6541	1077	14.1
WORTH	1180	1146	34	2.9	1205	1161	44	3.7	1093	1028	65	5.9
WRIGHT	7007	6350	657	9.4	7429	6668	761	10.2	7316	6537	779	10.6

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
July, 1985

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2032.5	2051.8	2008.1									
Total Manufacturing	429.2	435.0	425.5	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA
Durable Goods	246.1	250.4	241.7	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA
Lumber & Wood Products	10.5	10.5	10.6	245.63	236.51	232.06	40.4	38.9	39.2	6.08	6.08	5.92
Furniture & Fixtures	11.1	11.4	10.6	303.47	321.46	309.89	41.8	44.4	41.1	7.26	7.24	7.54
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.7	10.6	11.4	440.13	445.12	434.47	41.6	42.8	42.1	10.58	10.40	10.32
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	0.9	536.45	545.38	561.00	39.1	38.9	40.8	13.72	14.02	13.75
Structural Clay Prod.	2.2	2.2	2.6	424.79	449.31	460.73	36.4	38.7	38.7	11.67	11.61	11.21
Primary Metal Industries	12.8	12.9	14.0	442.49	468.23	411.09	42.8	42.8	42.6	11.09	10.94	9.65
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.8	1.8	2.0	351.51	375.14	312.91	40.6	36.9	36.9	9.13	9.24	8.48
Nonferrous Foundries	3.2	3.2	3.0	289.56	338.12	271.75	36.7	42.8	33.8	7.89	7.90	8.04
Fabricated Metal Products	28.6	28.7	27.7	398.77	393.54	390.19	41.8	41.6	40.9	9.54	9.46	9.54
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	11.2	11.0	10.5	380.38	376.41	362.69	41.8	41.5	39.9	9.10	9.07	9.09
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.8	31.3	32.8	402.60	400.41	391.25	40.3	40.9	39.6	9.99	9.79	9.88
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	51.1	52.0	49.5	360.24	379.49	351.51	38.0	40.5	39.1	9.48	9.37	8.99
Transportation Equipment	70.8	74.1	66.2	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA	DNA
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	30.2	33.9	27.9	606.54	624.69	565.97	44.5	45.3	44.6	13.63	13.79	12.69
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.6	11.7	11.8	281.12	277.43	312.40	39.3	37.9	40.0	7.34	7.32	7.81
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.1	7.2	7.1	247.15	249.87	260.37	38.2	38.5	37.9	6.47	6.49	6.87
Nondurable Goods	183.1	184.6	183.8	376.10	335.23	326.82	39.3	39.3	39.0	8.57	8.53	8.38
Food & Kindred Products	44.5	44.3	44.4	386.11	384.89	381.90	40.6	40.6	40.2	9.51	9.48	9.50
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	11.8	11.9	11.4	254.67	249.99	255.44	39.0	39.0	37.4	6.53	6.41	6.83
Dairy Products	6.2	6.2	6.5	398.04	431.26	387.52	42.8	45.3	44.8	9.30	9.52	8.65
Grain Mill Products	7.0	6.9	7.0	423.85	403.35	417.32	41.8	39.7	41.9	10.14	10.16	9.96
Bakery Products	5.2	5.2	5.4	384.29	381.62	380.63	38.2	38.2	37.5	10.06	9.99	10.15
Beverages	10.4	10.3	10.0	601.29	597.63	596.96	41.1	40.6	41.6	14.63	14.72	14.35

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Other Food & Kindred	4.0	3.9	4.2	412.68	421.61	393.73	42.5	43.6	40.3	9.71	9.67	9.77
Textile & Apparel	23.0	24.5	24.1	194.22	195.41	179.23	35.9	35.4	34.6	5.41	5.52	5.18
Paper & Allied Products	13.7	13.9	13.1	378.54	377.40	365.71	40.1	40.8	40.1	9.44	9.25	9.12
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	7.0	7.8	6.7	385.69	397.00	362.46	40.9	42.1	39.1	9.43	9.43	9.27
Printing & Publishing	40.4	40.4	39.7	373.92	380.77	368.05	38.0	38.5	38.1	9.84	9.89	9.66
Commercial Printing	12.9	12.9	12.5	421.05	433.20	438.98	40.1	40.6	40.2	10.50	10.67	10.92
Chemicals & Allied	30.0	29.8	29.2	448.63	452.10	456.46	40.6	41.1	42.9	11.05	11.00	10.64
Leather & Leather Products	18.1	18.2	19.8	208.67	204.50	197.25	38.5	37.8	36.8	5.42	5.41	5.36
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.7	14.7	15.9	204.29	200.34	188.96	38.4	37.8	36.2	5.32	5.30	5.22
Total Nonmanufacturing	1603.3	1616.8	1582.6									
Mining	6.6	6.5	5.8									
Construction	87.1	84.8	84.5									
Transportation & Public Util.	134.3	134.5	132.4									
Railroad Transportation	12.7	12.7	13.0									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	69.2	69.6	66.9									
Communications	52.3	52.2	52.6									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	490.1	489.7	483.2									
Wholesale Trade	130.9	131.0	131.3									
Retail Trade	359.2	358.7	351.9									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	117.3	116.9	115.6									
Services	450.4	449.4	443.4									
Government	317.5	335.0	313.7									
Federal Government	70.8	71.0	69.8									
State & Local Government	246.7	264.0	244.0									

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A note of caution in interpreting this growth should be sounded by the fact that the nonfarm payroll employment estimates are pointing toward much slower growth. Compared to a year ago, this establishment-based estimate of employment has grown by only 24,400 jobs, primarily in retail trade, services, and transportation equipment manufacturing. Additionally, national employment growth has moderated considerably as over the past year, so there does not seem to be sufficient overall impetus in the economy to be propelling Missouri employment upward at such rapid rates. All the current data are subject to revisions, which may show more uniform rates of employment growth.

Unemployment dropped by 9200 between July 1984 and July 1985, and the rate fell by seven-tenths of a percentage point from the year earlier rate of 7 percent. The civilian labor force was estimated to be 2,497,000 in July, down slightly from June's 2,499,700, but up by 104,600 from July 1984.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

National seasonally adjusted unemployment remained at 7.3 percent of the civilian labor force for the sixth straight month in July. Total civilian employment was about the same in July as in May, on a seasonally adjusted basis. The estimate increased by nearly half a million between June and July, erasing the estimated decrease of similar magnitude which took place in the previous month. Seasonal the summer of labor force data may cause erratic movements in the summer months, primarily because of changing patterns of labor force participation of youth and other summer workers.

Compared to a year ago, total civilian employment has increased by about 1,370,000, or 1.3 percent. In the same time period, estimated nonfarm payroll employment grew by 3,126,000 jobs, or 3.3 percent. This situation of payroll employment growing substantially more rapidly than household-based employment remains unusual and is the opposite of the Missouri situation, where estimated household employ ment is growing much more rapidly than payroll employment estimates.

The rate of growth of the economy in the second quarter has been revised upward slightly to an annual rate of 2 percent, from the previously estimated 1.7 percent rate. Even the higher rate reflects a below average rate of growth. Many analysts do not expect much of an increase from the second quarter's performance in the current quarter, despite a large gain in the index of leading economic indicators in June. The volatility of this index is such that one-month movements are not necessarily indicative of future trends in the economy.

OUTLOOK

The outlook for Missouri employment and unemploy ment is somewhat unclear. The trend has been for moderate decreases in unemployent, and there seems no reason for this to be reversed in the near future. The employment situation is less clear. As described above, estimated total employment has been increasing exceptionally rapidly, at a time when national economic conditions have not been conducive to such growth. It seems unlikely that such growth will continue indefinitely. A more likely course is that a return to a more moderate path, such as that displayed by nonagricultural wage and salary employment, will even tually take place. In any event, seasonal conditions should be predominant in the next few months, with unemployment bottoming out and employment peaking in September.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — July, 1985

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,497,000	2,499,700	2,392,400	-2,700	104,600
Total Employed	2,338,500	2,332,700	2,224,700	5,800	113,800
Total Unemployed	158,500	167,000	167,700	-8,500	-9,200
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.3	6.7	7.0	-0.4	-0.7
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Comestics (No. of Jobs)	2,032,500	2,051,800	2,008,100	-19,300	24,400
Manufacturing	429,200	435,000	425,500	-5,800	3,700
Durable Goods	246,100	250,400	241,700	-4,300	4,400
Nondurable Goods	183,100	184,600	183,800	-1,500	-700
Nonmanufacturing	1,603,300	1,616,800	1,582,600	-13,500	20,700
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	8,769	7,612	8,402	1,157	4,708
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	41,785	37,750	37,077	4,035	4,708
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.2	2.3	0.1	0.0
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,543	3,135	3,536	408	7
Amount of Benefits Paid	$14,582,168	$13,213,819	$10,827,583	$1,368,349	$3,754,585
State U.I.	14,315,791	12,979,786	10,591,192	1,336,005	3,724,599
UCFE	127,182	110,099	115,477	17,083	11,705
UCX	139,195	123,934	120,914	15,261	18,281

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

July, 1985

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The area's unemployment rate dropped a tenth of a percentage point to 4.5 per cent of the labor force in July 1985. After a temporary increase in June, the number of jobless workers declined by 1,200 in July 1985 to 34,700 unemployed. The number of jobless fell over-the-year by 4,600 from the July 1984 total of 39,300. Both civilian employment and the civilian labor force continued to climb in 1985, surpassing June's levels by 4,800 and 3,800 respectively. Employment growth over-the-month was concentrated in the non-manufacturing and non-payroll sectors such as agriculture and self-employed. Compared to a year ago employment has increased by 40,700 workers, while the civilian labor force has expanded by over 36,000. Both the civilian employment and labor force totals represent 1985 high points for the 10-county area.

Wage and salaried employment in July 1985 was 677,600, down by 3,500 from the June 1985 total of 681,100. The short term layoff of 3,400 workers in transportation equipment, as a result of area automobile assembly plant shutting down for retooling, and the closing of local schools, which laid off 3,300 workers, accounted for almost 90 per cent of the total 7,500 payroll jobs lost over-the-month. Seasonal employment increases in non-manufacturing, which partially offset the month's job losses, reduced the net job decline to only 3,500 for the month. In addition to major losses in transportation equipment and local government, minor losses of 400 jobs were recorded in primary metals, apparel and paper combined. In non-manufacturing, continued layoffs of tax processors in Federal government and a small loss in transportation, communications and utilities together accounted for a moderate loss of 300 jobs. Across all sectors a total of 7,500 payroll jobs were lost over-the-month.

The major increses in employment occurred in the non-manufacturing sector. The services, led by business services and the recreation and tourist related industries, added 1,000 jobs, the smallest monthly increase since the winter slump. the construction industry added another 900 jobs over-the-month, primarily in special trades and somewhat less in non-building construction. Wholesale and retail trade combined added 900 jobs to the month's total, with department stores contributing the bulk of the increase. A minor increase was also recorded in finance, insurance and real estate. Elsewhere among the manufacturing industries, machinery registered an increase of 400 jobs, as construction machinery workers temporarily laid off in June returned to work. Other minor increases in food, printing, stone, clay and glass and chemicals together added 600 jobs.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 10,600 from July 1984 to July 1985, with declines of 2,700 in durable goods manufacturing, gains of 900 in non-durable goods manufacturing and gains of 12,400 in non-manufacturing. July marks the first month in 1985 that employment levels in manufacturing have fallen below 1984 levels. All of the declines occurred in the durable goods manufacturing sector, led by transportation equipment which fell below last July's level by 3,300 jobs. The poor showing of machinery in 1985 compared to 1984 continued for the seventh consecutive month despite some recent advances. Much of the decline of 700 jobs was concentrated in construction and industrial machinery. Other industries recording lower levels in July 1985 than last year in July were primary metals and other durables which combined were down by 500 jobs. The only industry recording a significant increase over year ago figures was electrical equipment which topped last July's total by 1,100 jobs. Communication equipment alone added 1,700 jobs, while electronics, among other sectors, with losses of 600 held the total in electrical equipment down to 1,100. All other manufacturing industries held steady or registered moderate growth over year ago levels.

With the exception of retail trade, which recorded its fifth consecutive month of employment levels below 1984 highs, most other non-manufacturing industries were substantially higher than last year. The weak showing in retail trade occurred primarily in apparel and miscellaneous retailers, including non-store retailers; together these accounted for 1,100 fewer jobs than last year. Later school closings than occurred last year and increased employment in city and state government accounted for 6,500 or 52 per cent of the jobs added over-the-year. Increases in services, led by business and medical services and scattered broadly among the other services industries, accounted for 3,100 jobs of the 12,400 jobs added in the sector. The third top job producer over-the-year was construction with 2,200 jobs added, primarily in the special trades contracting industry. Moderate advances of 500 jobs were also posted in finance, insurance and real estate and 700 jobs in Federal government. Smaller increases were noted in the remaining non-manufacturing sectors.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 34,700 in July 1985 for 4.5 per cent of the labor force, compared to 35,900 in June 1985 for 4.6 per cent of the labor force and 39,300 in July 1984 for 5.3 per cent of the labor force.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

The area's labor market conditions in August 1985 are expected to be mixed. Nationwide and local area strikes in

several sectors and reported layoffs are expected to hold area employment advances down. Continued retooling for 1986 models in area auto assembly plants and a slow down in the seasonal Continued retooling for 1986 models in area auto assembly plants and a slow down in the seasonal industries will also prevent major advances in area employment. The civlian labor force will continue to shink as students and summer workers drop out in preparation for the upcoming school term. Unemployment is expected to be 4.6 per cent of the labor force in August 1985, compared to 4.5 per cent in July 1985 and 5.5 per cent in August 1984.

The area's unemployment rate will fall in September 1985 as area schools begin their fall session and local auto assemblers complete model changeovers. Some seasonal losses in services and other non-school state and local government are expected. More layoffs and the threat of strikes may prevent the rate from falling as steeply as it usually does at this time of the year. Unemployment is expected to be 4.3 per cent of the labor force in September 1985, compared to 4.8 per cent in September 1984.

Kansas City Area-
Missouri Job Service Statistics

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 40,762 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of July 1985. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	20.4
	22-44	64.6
	45 and over	15.0
Sex:	Male	58.8
	Female	41.2
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	33.3
	Other Non-White	1.2
	Hispanic	2.1

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	40.0
Veterans	19.7
Handicapped	2.3

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated July 31, 1985.

Job Placements:

During July 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 10,561 and job placements totaled 2,536. There were 1,396 veteran referrals in July 1985, with 301 veteran placements. During June 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 9,176 and job placements totaled 2,208. There were 1,383 veteran referrals in June 1985, with 277 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated July 31, 1985.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) July 1985

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	14.8	16.0	15.4
25-34	39.5	34.2	37.0
35-44	22.2	23.0	22.5
45-54	13.3	15.9	14.6
55-64	9.4	9.0	9.2
65 and over	0.8	1.8	1.3
Unreported	0.0	0.1	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	0.3
Mining	0.3
Construction	7.4
Manufacturing	24.6
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	8.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	20.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.6
Services	30.7
All Other	4.6
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	13.1
Clerical	19.7
Sales	4.5
Services	14.2
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	0.3
Processing	1.6
Machine Trades	5.9
Bench Work	6.7
Structural Work	7.6
Miscellaneous	16.0
Information not available	10.4

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 6,294; 3,272 were male and 3,022 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1984)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** July, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	677,600	681,100	677,000	-3,500	+10,600
Total Manufacturing	118,200	121,100	120,000	-2,900	-1,800
Durable Goods	65,400	68,500	68,100	-3,100	-2,700
Lumber & Furniture	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,900	3,800	3,900	+100	0
Primary Metal Industries	3,600	3,800	4,000	-200	-400
Fabricated Metal Products	10,000	10,000	9,400	0	+600
Machinery Except Electrical	7,700	7,300	8,400	+400	-700
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,400	21,400	20,300	0	+1,100
Transportation Equipment	11,700	15,100	15,000	-3,400	-3,300
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(11,500)	(15,000)	(14,800)	(-3,500)	(-3,300)
Other Durable Goods	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	52,800	52,600	51,900	+200	+900
Food & Kindred Products	10,100	9,900	9,800	+200	+300
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,600	2,600	2,600	-100	0
Paper & Allied Products	5,500	5,600	5,500	-100	0
Printing & Publishing	20,100	19,900	20,800	+200	+100
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,900	8,800	8,500	+100	+400
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,100	4,900	-100	+100
Total Nonmanufacturing	559,400	560,000	547,000	-600	+12,400
Mining & Quarrying	800	800	700	0	+100
Construction	30,700	29,800	28,500	+900	+2,200
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	51,700	51,800	51,400	-100	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	171,300	170,400	172,300	+900	-1,000
Wholesale Trade	(54,000)	(53,600)	(53,900)	(+400)	(+100)
Retail Trade	(117,300)	(116,800)	(118,400)	(+500)	(-1,100)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	50,800	50,600	50,300	+200	+500
Services	153,100	152,100	150,000	+1,000	+3,100
Government	101,000	104,500	93,800	-3,500	+7,200
Federal Government	(29,000)	(29,200)	(28,300)	(-200)	(+700)
State & Local Government	(72,000)	(75,300)	(65,500)	(-3,300)	(+6,500)
In Labor-Management Disputes	200	100	100	+100	+100

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Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: July, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$439.68	$456.71	$429.39	40.9	41.9	40.7	$10.75	$10.90	$10.55
Durable Goods	470.35	495.23	455.43	40.9	42.4	40.7	11.50	11.68	11.19
Lumber & Furniture	310.87	321.90	339.10	39.4	42.3	42.6	7.89	7.61	7.96
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	532.06	527.40	508.40	41.6	41.3	40.0	12.79	12.77	12.71
Primary Metal Industries	522.06	518.47	466.15	45.2	45.4	40.5	11.55	11.42	11.51
Fabricated Metal Products	395.09	384.20	365.60	40.9	40.4	40.0	9.66	9.51	9.14
Machinery Exc. Electrical	409.37	388.74	392.46	39.9	41.8	37.7	10.26	9.30	10.41
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	448.72	466.28	431.97	39.5	41.3	41.1	11.36	11.29	10.51
Transportation Equipment	649.26	689.75	599.54	43.4	45.8	42.4	14.96	15.06	14.14
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(654.68)	(694.47)	(602.93)	(43.9)	(45.9)	(42.4)	(15.05)	(15.13)	(14.22)
Other Durable Goods	257.42	274.54	237.82	37.2	36.9	37.1	6.92	7.44	6.41
Nondurable Goods	391.55	391.68	385.29	41.0	41.1	40.6	9.55	9.53	9.49
Food & Kindred Products	443.33	434.43	413.88	44.2	43.4	42.8	10.03	10.01	9.67
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	206.83	190.28	195.71	34.3	34.1	35.2	6.03	5.58	5.56
*Paper & Allied Products	376.00	393.18	377.07	40.0	41.3	41.3	9.40	9.52	9.13
Printing & Publishing	390.25	390.48	411.26	39.3	38.7	38.4	9.93	10.09	10.71
Chemicals & Allied Products	490.06	499.01	483.48	43.6	45.2	43.4	11.24	11.04	11.14
Petroleum & Coal Products	391.04	405.41	394.40	39.3	40.1	40.0	9.95	10.11	9.96
Other Nondurable Goods	302.91	304.06	276.89	41.1	41.2	40.6	7.37	7.38	6.8[illegible]

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

July, 1985

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate decreased from 8.4% in June to 7.4% in July. This significant decline was caused by mild mid-July weather conditions that allowed construction and outdoor services to increase employment. Agricultural employment and the number of self-employed also registered gains. Also, a significant number of students looking for summer jobs in June evidently found work while others, who could not obtain employment, dropped out of the labor force. Unemployment declined by 12,600 while employment increased by 9,100. Over the year, unemployment has declined by 2600 and employment rose by 42,800. The unemployment rate in July, 1984 was 7.8%. There were 100 labor disputants in July 1985, June 1985, and July 1984.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined by 100 over the month. Aircraft and parts registered a seasonal gain of 400 workers. Motor vehicles, down 300, continues to be affected by a temporary model change-over layoff at one local assembly plant. All other manufacturing sectors showed little or no change. Over the year, manufacturing rose by 1600. Motor vehicles increased 3100 due to the addition of a second shift at one assembly plant. Aircraft and electrical equipment also registered substantial gains. Primary metals, apparel, leather, and other nondurables continued to show job losses.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing declined by 3600 over the month.

Seasonal decreases occurred in trade and transportation, and government. Good July weather conditions, after the rain in June, caused construction and services to both register gains. Over the year, nonmanufacturing increased by 13,200. Significant gains continued to be reported in trade, finance, and services. Completion of some major projects in the area caused a slight decline in construction, down 1200, but employment in this industry still remains strong.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were up 2400 in July, from June. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were up 1800 and in the Illinois portion they were up 600.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.
INA	4	3	4	3
Agriculture	51	24	28	27
Mining	20	29	19	28
Constructin	1633	1239	1471	1014
Manufacturing Total	5590	4856	4654	3456
Food	409	353	336	313
Textile	24	24	18	23
Apparel	223	377	212	215
Lumber	44	19	31	35
Furniture	70	94	90	97
Paper	116	133	107	84
Printing	187	167	171	179
Chemicals	150	144	215	218
Petroleum	18	19	16	15
Rubber	207	155	138	120
Leather	370	360	330	297
Stone	85	77	78	49
Primary Metal	207	178	182	151
Fabricated Metal	563	529	449	431
Machinery	153	107	107	95
Electrtical Machinery	331	256	369	220
Transportation Equip.	1696	1194	1107	333
Instruments	37	30	25	11
Miscellaneous	694	638	670	564
Public Utilities	915	672	862	950
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2337	2150	2172	2164
Finance	277	272	310	358
Services	5510	5278	5262	5788
All Other	206	237	217	259
TOTAL	16543	14750	14999	14047

Of the 14,047 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in July, 1985, 52.9 percent were male and 47.1 percent were female.

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1592	1607	1590	1928
Clerical	2268	2147	2250	2337
Sales	627	690	615	618
Farm, Fish & Forest	146	83	77	76
Processing	308	304	272	255
Machine Trades	1368	1243	1206	1030
Bench Work	941	950	860	819
Structural Work	1841	1486	1474	1247
Misc. Work	2067	1750	1822	1795
Domestic	31	33	29	38
Other Services	2269	2212	2193	2249
INA	3085	2345	2611	1655
TOTAL	16543	14750	14999	14047

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	40.1	19.7	16.5	39.3	2.1
Placements, %	35.7	13.3	36.5	46.9	2.0

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1986 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	2.6	1.1
Clerical	19.2	10.7
Sales	26.1	36.4
Processing	1.3	2.9
Machine Trades	4.5	3.6
Bench Work	2.5	4.6
Structural Work	4.5	4.1
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.0	2.4
Packaging & Material Handling	6.6	9.3
Domestic	0.9	0.6
Other Services	26.7	23.8
Other Occupations	1.1	1.4

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in August, 1985 is expected to be 7.4% and in September, 7.0%.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current:** July, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,062,000	1,065,700	1,047,200	-3,700	+14,800
Percent Change				-(0.3)	+(1.4)
Manufacturing	229,800	229,900	228,200	-100	+1,600
Durable Goods	146,400	146,300	143,000	+100	+3,400
Lumber & Furniture	5,200	5,300	4,600	-100	+600
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,500	3,400	3,800	+100	-300
Primary Metal Industries	14,400	14,400	16,000	0	-1,600
Fabricated Metal Products	17,500	17,500	17,700	0	-200
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,800	18,800	19,100	0	-300
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,100	15,200	14,600	-100	+500
Transportation Equipment	58,500	58,400	54,000	+100	+4,500
Motor Vehicles	20,200	20,500	17,100	-300	+3,100
Aircraft & Parts	37,600	37,200	35,700	+400	+1,900
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	13,400	13,300	13,200	+100	+200
Nondurable Goods	83,400	83,600	85,200	-200	-1,800
Food & Kindred Products	21,400	21,300	21,800	+100	-400
Meat Products	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Beverages	8,600	8,500	8,600	+100	0
Textiles & Apparel	6,600	6,700	6,800	-100	-200
Paper & Paper Products	5,800	5,900	5,900	-100	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,700	16,800	16,600	-100	+100
Chemical & Allied Products	20,900	20,800	20,800	+100	+100
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	4,600	4,700	5,300	-100	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,000	5,600	0	-600
Nonmanufacturing	832,200	835,800	819,000	-3,600	+13,200
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	-100
Construction	51,600	49,900	52,800	+1,700	-1,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	73,600	74,500	74,000	-900	-400
Railroads	7,100	7,100	7,600	0	-500
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,800	39,700	39,000	-900	-200
Communications & Public Utilities	27,700	27,700	27,400	0	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	252,300	253,100	246,500	-800	+5,800
Wholesale Trade	65,200	65,400	65,600	-200	-400
Retail Trade	187,100	187,700	180,900	-600	+6,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65,100	64,600	63,300	+500	+1,800
Service, Except Domestic	255,300	253,600	249,100	+1,700	+6,200
Total Government	130,700	136,500	129,600	-5,800	+1,100
Total Federal Government	38,900	38,700	37,900	+200	+1,000
Total State & Local Government	91,800	97,800	91,700	-6,000	+100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	100	0	0

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data:** July, 1985

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	INA	INA	$426.38	INA	INA	39.7	INA	INA	$10.74
Durable Goods	INA	INA	442.80	INA	INA	40.0	INA	INA	11.07
Lumber & Furniture	342.59	346.88	296.45	40.4	41.1	38.4	8.48	8.44	7.72
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	428.67	385.13	428.16	40.1	37.5	40.7	10.69	10.27	10.52
Primary Metal Industries	467.27	488.58	417.60	39.7	41.3	36.0	11.77	11.83	11.60
Fabricated Metal Products	422.51	430.12	418.95	41.1	41.8	39.9	10.28	10.29	10.50
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	415.63	442.00	419.73	39.1	40.0	38.9	10.63	11.05	10.79
Elect & Electronic Equip.	319.95	323.21	293.46	39.5	40.1	37.1	8.10	8.06	7.91
Transportation Equipment	INA	INA	572.03	INA	INA	43.5	INA	INA	13.15
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	294.51	292.93	279.70	38.1	36.8	37.9	7.73	7.96	7.38
Nondurable Goods	408.98	410.26	398.27	39.9	39.6	39.2	10.25	10.36	10.16
Food & Kindred Products	483.09	488.42	498.00	39.5	40.1	40.0	12.23	12.18	12.45
Textiles & Apparel	192.79	200.41	194.88	32.9	34.2	34.8	5.86	5.86	5.60
Paper & Paper Products	425.89	406.22	415.95	40.6	40.5	40.9	10.49	10.03	10.17
Printing & Publishing	399.11	402.87	390.20	42.1	39.0	37.8	9.48	10.33	10.32
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	472.40	481.73	451.94	40.9	41.6	41.5	11.55	11.58	10.89
Petroleum & Coal Products	623.60	623.60	551.74	42.8	42.8	40.9	14.57	14.57	13.49
Leather & Leather Products	205.80	203.36	187.14	37.9	37.8	34.4	5.43	5.38	5.44
Other Nondurable Goods	320.74	304.40	312.89	40.6	40.0	40.9	7.90	7.61	7.65

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

July, 1985

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded by 600 from June to reach 119,800 in July. Total employment stands at 114,200, up 1,400 from June. The number of unemployed persons, estimated at 5,600, decreased 800 during the month. The rate of unemployment fell by eight-tenths of a percentage point from June to 4.6 percent in July.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment inched downward by 200 in July. Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,900, remained at the June level. An increase of 100 jobs in the durable segment was off-set by a corresponding decrease in non-durable manufacturing. Since July, 1984, manufacturing shows a net reduction of 1,400 jobs. Nonmanufacturing employment was off by 200 jobs from June to July. Increases in construction and trade of 200 and 300 respectively were more than off-set by decreases in services and government. The 500 drop in government jobs results from seasonal changes at local educational institutions during summer.

During the past 12 months, payrolled employment shows an overall loss of 200 jobs. This is the net result of a 1,400 job loss in the manufacturing sector and a gain of 1,200 jobs in nonmanufacturing industries. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant employment gains during the 12 months include construction, trade and services.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose from $8.75 in June to $8.87 in July. Most of this jump was fostered by wage rate increases including cost of loving adjustments. Average weekly hours worked fell 1.1 hours from June to 38.2 hours.

During July 1984 average hourly earnings amounted to $8.30 and the factory work week came to 38.7 hours.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current:** July, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	94,000	94,200	94,200	-200	-200
Manufacturing	18,900	18,900	20,300	0	-1,400
Durable Goods	9,700	9,600	10,800	+100	-1,100
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	900	0	0
Other Durable Goods	8,800	8,700	9,900	+100	-1,100
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,300	9,500	-100	-300
Food Processing	3,800	3,900	3,900	-100	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
Nonmanufacturing	75,100	75,300	73,900	-200	+1,200
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,900	3,700	3,700	+200	+200
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	6,000	6,100	-100	-200
Trade	26,800	26,500	26,300	+300	+500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	+100
Services	22,900	23,000	22,300	-100	+600
Government	11,100	11,600	11,100	-500	0
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	9,400	9,900	9,400	-500	0
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Employment and Unemployment Outlook

The area labor market is not expected to show any major changes between July and August. Construction employment has probably reached the high for the year and anticipated seasonal gains in trade and services will be somewhat small.

The number of unemployed persons should decrease slightly during August. It would appear the rate of unemployment will fall about two-tenths of a percentage point to approximately 4.4 percent of the work force.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: July, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$338.83	$343.88	$321.21	38.2	39.3	38.7	$8.87	$8.75	$8.30
Durable Goods	333.76	337.73	320.00	38.1	39.5	40.0	8.76	8.55	8.00
Nondurable Goods	347.66	353.98	334.63	38.5	39.2	38.2	9.03	9.03	8.76
Food & Kindred Products	372.78	375.09	366.03	39.7	39.4	37.5	9.39	9.52	9.29
Other Nondurable Goods	335.42	342.03	317.25	37.9	39.0	37.5	8.85	8.77	8.46

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